

The current rules limiting the number and type of media a single individual or corporation may own serve the public interest by at least providing the possibility that U.S. citizens can hear and see a variety of opinions on crucial subjects of the day. This diversity is essential if democracy is to function adequately.

Theodore Roosevelt was concerned enough about the concentration of ownership of production in a few hands that he filed anti-trust suits against the most influential and wealthiest people of his time. In the Information Age, the same watchfulness should be exercised over those who produce our information products--and ownership should not be concentrated any further in the hands of a powerful few. Resist the temptation to modify the rules to allow more media to be owned by a single entity.